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SUBJECT: PL 480: 50,000 TONS WHEAT FOR SRI LANKA

REF: (A) COLOMBO 1616; (B) STATE 096959

1. JOHN SPILLANE AND NEA/INS WILL BE MEETING WITH AID/W AND USDA ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, TO DISCUSS GSL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL 50,000 TONS OF PL 480 WHEAT UNDER TITLE III.
2. REF B, WHICH WAS CO-DRAFTED AND CLEARED BY USDA, INDICATES THAT INFORMATION GIVEN TO GSL OFFICIALS BY HAL NORTON WAS WRONG. LOAN FORGIVENESS CANNOT BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO PREVIOUS PL 480 AGREEMENTS.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT FINANCING 50,000 TONS
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OF WHEAT GRAIN THROUGH TITLE III WOULD NO LONGER BE OF INTEREST TO GSL, SINCE NO IMMEDIATE BENEFIT IS DERIVED. UNLESS YOU ADVISE OTHERWISE, WE SHALL TAKE POSITION AT MEETING THAT TITLE III REQUEST FOR 50,000 TONS WAS RESULT OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND THEREFORE NEED NOT BE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, WE SHALL PROBE FOR POSSIBILITY OF 50,000 TONS UNDER TITLE I IN FY 78. CHRISTOPHER

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